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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SRS/DDI

SUBJECT: Some Thoughts Concerning Reorganization of SRS  
in the Office of the DCI

1. A Staff on International Communism in the Office of the Director obviously would have to solve a variety of problems which were outside the purview of the present SRS charter. It would have to be able to furnish information to the DCI about Communist questions in individual countries, specialized problems and overall broad views on the international movement. The nearness of a new SRS to the Director's office and the likelihood that the Director may question the Staff on specific problems would make it imperative to have more detailed information available than SRS was expected to dispense. Nevertheless, the long range aspects of SRS work and products, both in intelligence and psychological warfare, should still remain paramount. It should be conceived as an outfit to help the DCI not only as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency but also as the head of intelligence in the US. Therefore, SRS/DCI would basically be an outfit to work in matters of common concern, serving both CIA and the intelligence community through the DCI.

2. The original concept of SRS must be kept alive. This can best be done by superimposing upon a somewhat enlarged Staff a board-like body of, say, five senior officers, one of whom would be Chief, one Deputy Chief, and the other three board members. At the same time, the Deputy and the board members could act as heads of the four envisaged units, three geographic and one functional. Offhand, the Deputy could possibly be put in charge of the functional unit which is one of basic importance for Communist intelligence. The papers prepared by SRS would go through its "Board" and probably be written or revised by the "Board" members. In this way the character of SRS as a top advisory group would be safeguarded; also the DCI would have only a small group of officers to deal with for whatever detailed substantive questions may arise.

3. Generally the size of a reorganized SRS should be comparatively small. The three geographic units to be set up are:

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- a. The Sino-Soviet Bloc, with three professionals.
- b. The neutralist nations (e.g., the Middle East, Indonesia, etc.), two professionals.
- c. The Free World (Western Europe, British Commonwealth, Japan and the Philippines, and Latin America), two professionals.

The functional unit would be concerned with ideology, front organizations, Labor (including the Socialist International) and the general problem of the Communist organizational weapon, with two professionals. It is suggested that these professionals should have experience in their respective geographic areas and that those in the functional units should be well versed in Communist affairs. Their grades may vary from 11 to 14. In addition to these professionals, there are recommended five research assistants, grades 9 to 11, to be at the disposal of the units and the board. The office would be managed by an Administrative Assistant and helped by three typists.

4. Altogether, SRS would have some 20 professionals and clericals, some of whom might be taken over from [REDACTED] Some of the unit jobs might be made available to career employees who wish to be assigned to SRS for a tour of duty of two years if they are qualified; one or two of the research assistants might be JOT's, but at least three of them should be well versed and familiar with research and research facilities in CIA. 25X1A

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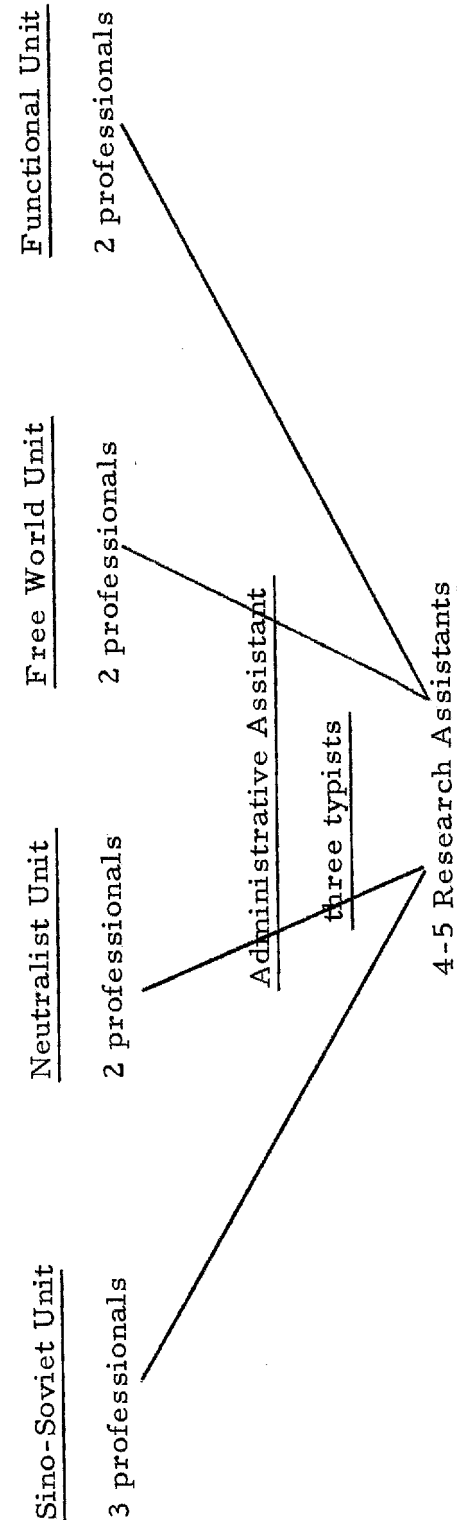
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